STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 441

HOUSE BILL NO. 669

By Representatives Hackworth, Hardaway, Moore

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 597

By Senators Burchett, Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55 and Title 56, relative to the financial responsibility of persons who register motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-139(e) is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following new subdivision thereto:
 - (2) A person who did not have financial responsibility that was in effect at the time of being charged with a violation of subsection (c) shall not have that person's violation of subsection (c) dismissed.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-140(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:
 - (a) The record of conviction of an offense under § 55-12-139(c) shall be promptly transmitted to the department of safety. For any such conviction occurring after July 1, 2009, upon request by the commissioner of safety, the commissioner of revenue shall not issue a renewal of registration for any vehicle for which evidence of financial responsibility is required under § 55-12-139 until the person who was convicted of violating § 55-12-139(c) furnishes proof of financial responsibility as defined in § 55-12-139(b).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 9, 2009



RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR